

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Truci Abrahams, Baby Oliver Barker, Angela Barrett, Miss Terry Bennett, James Bennett, Sandra Bourke, Arlene Bowman, Angela Bromfield, Geoff Brown, Gerry Cook, Irene de Freitas, Conor Dempsey, Anthony Doherty, Don Dourado, Trish Gardner, Betty Halliday, Doris Harriss, Joan Hayes, Annie Keenan, Rory McCreesh, Frank McDermott, Margaret McDonnell, Mary McKay, Roger Machin, Camille Malone, Jutta Menzies, Dr. Douglas Murphy, Betty Norton, Dymna O'Donnell, Liam O'Sullivan, Evaritia (Linda Palmer's Mother), Maureen Pestell, John Potter, Joan Reynolds, Jean-Yves de Sainte-Croix de la Sabliere, Debbie Smythe, Madelaine Sydic, Astrid Turner, Rita Watkins.

Anniv: Josie Butt, Pat O'Connell, Peter Marsh, Gillian Doherty, Christine Knock & Nuala Hancock, Michael Maloney, Sadie McGrellis, Ted Pestell, Rhys Williams.

Latelý Dead: Patricia Dilley, Eileen Everett, Marie Francis, Sheila Murphy, Cliff Oakley.

Memorial Mass for Eileen Everett will take place on Monday, 13th November at 10am in St. Thomas. Parishioners are warmly invited to join the family in the Becket Centre afterwards for tea and biscuits.

REQUIEM MASS

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone, will be on Monday, 13th November 2017 at 11.30am.

SUNDAY MASSES

St. Thomas'
1st Mass Sat. 6pm; 8.30am;
10am (Children's Liturgy)
11.30am
Chigwell Convent
10am
St. James URC
(Buckhurst Hill)
9am (Children's Liturgy)

WEEKDAY MASSES

St. Thomas'
10am
Chigwell Convent
9.30am
Saturday 10am
(1st Weds of the month)
No morning Mass
Trinity High School
8.20am on Lower Site.

CHURCH CLEANING

Friday 9am 17th November Christine Acons, Claire Hobbs, Julia Bever, Jack Edwards, Susanne Barnoin.

CHAIRS/OFFICE DESK FOR SALE

6 Dining chairs, recently upholstered at £50 each in good condition for sale at £60 each, £300 if all chairs bought together. 112cm (H), 56x46cm (seating). Also 1 office desk at £50 75cm(H) x 120cm (W) x 57cm(D) Interested? See photos in church porch; contact brdonalofm@yahoo.co.uk giving name, contact details and arrange viewing at the Friary.

WOMAN'S HOUR

The Meljon Singers present a concert showcasing choral music composed by women on Sat. 25th Nov. 2017 7.30pm at St. John's Church, Epping CM16 5DN. Box Office 07892 939126 www.ticketsource.co.uk/majon.

IN TOUCH

Christmas edition. There is still space for a few articles, especially Christmas recipes with photos. Please submit by 12th Nov. To editor@myintouch.o.uk.

A SENSE OF HOME

Valentine Singers Sat. 18th Nov 7.30pm at Seven Kings High School. Tkts 020 8550 4654. www.valentinesingers.org

SATURDAY

CONFESSIONS
St. Thomas'
10.30am—11.30am
5.00pm—5.45pm
Chigwell Convent
After 10am Mass
BAPTISMS
1st and 3rd Sundays
Of the month

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32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE A

12TH NOVEMBER 2017



We gather today in response to God's call to us. The Lord invites us to stay awake and make ourselves ready for the banquet of eternal life.

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

God's wisdom is not distant, but reveals herself to those who are alert to her presence.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Paul offers a word of consolation and hope: the Lord will come from heaven to take us with him.

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

The wise are those who prepare for the day of the Lord's coming.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

Mass will be offered daily during the month of November for your loved ones. Envelopes are available from the back of the church. Please return either through the Friary letterbox (no need to ring the bell) or the parish office.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Sat. 25th Nov. 1pm—4pm

Trinity Lower Site, Sydney Road

We need people to help on stalls throughout the afternoon so if you can give 1 hour of your time please get in touch.

Donations for the Fayre cannot be accepted before Thursday, 23rd November due to storage problems. Please bring your items to the foyer of the Becket Centre between 9.30am—11am on Thursday and 9.30am—1.30pm on Friday. Alternatively, they can be left at the parish office.

On Thursday, 23rd November we will be making hampers from 9am in the Claire Room. Please join us. Refreshments provided.

Friday 7pm—9pm in Trinity Lower School, assembling wreaths. Please join Andrea and bring greenery.

ALSO

On Friday help is needed to put tickets on bottles for the bottle stall and also to sort donations.

HOME PRODUCE STALL

Mary Charter and Catherine Bissmire would welcome donations on the day of jam, chutney, breads, pickled onions etc. Phone Mary 020 8504 3798, Catherine 020 8559 0281 if you need collection.

Jewellery needed—please bring donations to parish office.

CWL request cakes to be brought on the morning of the Fayre to Trinity Lower Site, Sydney Road.

It is the duty of a Parish Priest to ensure everyone in the parish hears the word and receives the sacraments, notably Holy Communion. I am fortunate that there are so many Ministers who give themselves faithfully to fulfilling this part of my duty. Still I am uneasy. Practically all are fulfilling this commitment with reverence and conscious of the responsibility laid on them. However on occasion I believe we fall below the high standard that needs to be set. It is not a task on a par with a dinner lady – important though that task is. It involves much more perception, attention and self-giving. That is why I ask all who wish to continue in their ministry after the first Sunday of Advent to come to one of the meetings arranged at 8pm on the next 3 evenings. I will arrange another meeting later in the month: perhaps more than one. I tried to deal with this last year and failed. So this year it will not be possible for anyone who fails to come to **just one** of these meetings to continue.

RETIREMENT

Doreen Ritchie has provided the music accompaniment for our Saturday vigil Mass for over 30 years. In addition she has also played the piano and chosen appropriate hymns for weekday masses. She has given us wonderful service. She told me that she followed a liturgy course in the post Vatican II decade to help her perfect these tasks. Now sadly her health has declined and she is no longer able to provide the music. We are very much in Doreen's debt, and will arrange a thank you celebration shortly. Last Saturday we sadly missed her. Is there anyone who will take up this important task?

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

26th Nov. at 4pm. Please let the office know the names of your loved ones if you wish them to be read out during the service.

POPE FRANCIS IN BECKET

Last Wednesday's discussion was spectacular. Much laughter but there was an air of freedom to say what people really think. It still needs a bit more focussing, which we will do on Wednesday 22nd when we next meet. The Pope is saying clearly: **You** are the church. We can only know what the true teaching of the church in 2017 is if we hear from **your** experience, **your** living faith and prayer. Bishops and priests are only part of the Teaching of the Church. You too are an essential part. Francis has clearly and repeatedly said this. I am not sure all are yet aware of this. It can only come from your discussions. Please come even if you were not there yet.

ASSISI LUNCH

Friday, 17th November

TELCO

Its been 18 months since 2,500 TELCO leaders packed out the Copper Box as part of a 6,000 strong turnout for the Mayoral Accountability Assembly.

Redbridge Citizens have won the first 2 sites for the 250 CLT homes and are working with the Council to support landlord licensing and tackling rogue landlords.

If you have a desire to improve the life of our community life, please join the TELCO team on Tues. 14th Nov. from 7.30pm—9.30pm at Trinity Catholic High School, Mornington Road, where you will **have** an opportunity to discuss and agree to top 3 issues that will form the agenda for the local election in May 2018.

OR

Wed. 15th Nov. from 6.30pm—8.30pm at Oasis, 75 Westminster Bridge Rd, SE1 7HS we have the opportunity to take the fight for CLT's on Olympic Park: Landlord Licensing and Rogue Landlords to the London Deputy for Housing, James Murray.

SATURDAY SCHOOL

Every Saturday (during term time) from 10am—11am for children attending non-Catholic primary schools. We need help next term as one of our helpers is unable to continue. If you could help please ring Nancy on 07979 544325.

AURELIAN ORCHESTRA

On Friday, 17th November at 7.30pm the much admired Aurelian Orchestra will be performing a wonderful concert in church, completely free of charge to parishioners and guests. This will be an entirely informal and fun event, with an unrehearsed "Hallelujah Chorus" for those who wish to join in. There will be a retiring collection for children who are in need. Free tea/coffee/biscuits in interval.

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Has got vacancies for a Mid-day Assistant. For more information and to download an application pack please go to our website www.stantonycatholicps.co.uk/vacancies. Deadline for applications is Friday, 17th November 2017.

SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP

You are welcome to attend the last Scripture Sharing Group for this year on Thursday, 16th November 7.30pm in the William Scott Room. Thanking all who have attended and shared prayer in this group. Recommence in January.

**Cake Sale in Becket Centre after 10am
Mass this weekend.**

TUESDAY CLUB

On the 14th, anyone can contribute to WARTIME POETRY & MUSIC. Then, some uplifting refreshments. See you all in the Becket Centre at 2pm with ration Books and Gas Masks.